Va. as second-class matter under act of Congress of March & 1879. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1912.

## THE MUNICIPAL REFORM AMEND-MENT.

good, pure government.

suggested changes are in the interest city work. my man or set of men. As a general methods. to amending the Constitution, but the DIPLOMACY AND THE DOUGHBAG. reform aimed at in the municipal government amendment, i. e., commissions of the court over which in speaking for the court over which is always to presided. Chancellor Wythe, in Best of Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Caton," Best of the Court over which is always to say about "Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Caton," broken to be a court over which is always to say about "Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Caton," broken to be a court over which is always to say about "Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Caton," broken to be a court over which is always to say about "Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Caton," broken to say about "Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Caton," bro

about 30 per cent a year on his money with a cool \$50,000. with no risk save that nature might thange her mind about making trees grow. His upkeep has been the slight preventing devastation from fire

no little trees from his forests. As a prosching Democratic administration. It does from various kinds of miand result of this step, hitherto very rare

place too often usurped by their joily life free from care and political Lawson

sturdler and more pushing inferiors, strife. For he will be beyond the le methods will draw a steady profit with- the executive mansion and can go on out ever impairing the initial invest- in the even tenor of his way, selling ment. There are few industries wherein the plant is not constantly depreclating or wearing out. Here the de- just and impartial friend of all facpreciation charge is practically noth- tions and parties, singing "Presidents

Single taxers may look with alarm I hold on forever." at the spectacle of this enormous Of course, this most comprehensive out cisk, but even such a vast unearn- will afford unspeakable relief to the out risk, but even such a vast unearned increment is not unjustifiable when produced by enlightenment in forest whose knees have quaked at the very methods. Virginia might well conmention of Woodrow Wilson. It the Right back unexpected, sider whether her own wonderful re- country goes Democratic the fourthsources of timber could not be made class P. M.'s will be undisturbed. If A feller don't have to be wealthy a permanent source of riches by the use, either under State control or by and after March 4, 1913. President He must just be keefful individuals, of the most advanced methods of forest preservation.

Why has nothing appeared in the editorial columns of your paper advocating the adoption of the proposed amendments of section 117 of the Condemn than the condemn that the very first meeting of Mayor fice, have come down the chimney to beg the President for the pastmaster-working the adoption of the proposed amendments of section 117 of the Condemn than the condemn that the cond amendments of section 117 of the Constitution, which is to be voted on at the election in November, and which is dopted, will permit the Legislature to provide for municipal government by commission. I am a constant read-to your paper and am heartily in sympathy with you in your fight for months of Council meetings over the constant read-months of Council meetings over the council meeting of the constant read-months of Council meetings over the council meeting of the constant read-months of Council meetings over the council meeting of the constant read-months of Council meetings over the council meeting of the council months of Council meetings or the iso- tion of independence, the Democratic The query is most welcome. The lated actions of separate commissees. President will not have to be worried We all love the things that are pleas Times-Dispatch thoroughly indorses Each committee acts on its own ini-Times-Dispatch thoroughly indorses that the proposed constitutional change rethe proposed constitutional change reterred to and has been so sure that the
own field is concerned. But hitherto
o people of Virginia will take the same attitude that it has devoted little at-

our attention to opposing the vicious proposed changes permitting unlimited tenure of office to city treasurers work. It is poor economy to accept and to city commissioners of the revenue when elected by the people. These speedy and satisfactory completion of the same token, and in this connection it refers to the related issue of the powers of the courts to declare unconstitutional legislative declare are some of the others:

Thumb prints on dinner plates.

Wire dish rag in Irish stew.

Hair in the butter.

Suspender button in the lash. nue when elected by the people. These speedy and satisfactory completion of cates that by the same token, and in

seeking to enrich themselves upon the immediate success of his inby changing the Constitution, where novation. The department heads show While we would detract nothing by changing the Constitution, where-novation. The department heads show While we would detract nothing table.

as the municipal reform amend-a praiseworthy spirit of eager and en-from the far-reaching effect of Mar-Razor used popen can of toma ment is in the interest of the people thusiastic co-operation. Richmond bury vs. Madison, it is an interesting toes. of Virginia and not in the interest of welcomes this advance in municipal historical fact that our contemporary

by the Constitutional Convention, because, at the time of the drafting of Bull Whale around all summer, it an event to be described by the court in 1782, declared:

Not content with decided by the court in 1782, declared:

Nay, more, if the whole leg'slature,

expense of caring for the forests and They would have raised more money that way and they would have been All is needs is the retort Rooseveltlan. But the wisest part of his course has only carrying their pernicious practice bermen by contract that they will cut. The abuse will cease under the ap- so much from the Potomac oyster as

THE LAST LAUGH BEST. in American lumbering save on gov- Thirty-six thousand and thirty- it is too bad the Fourth District ernment reserves Mr. Vanderbilt, or eight fourth-class postmasters, alhis helrs will have another crop of most all of whom are Republicans. trees ready for the market in about will uninterpuptedly hold office for twenty more years. With the con- life if President Taft adheres to his stant increase in the value of woods, announced purpose of putting them in this crop will be freble or quadruple the classified service under civil ser- if Petersburg is wise, it will not the value of the present cutting, vice regulations. When he issues his wait for its own special day to visit Moreover, the 68.000 acres will slways executive order, these officeholders will the State Fair, but come and spend belong to him. He sells nothing but no longer be subject to political in the week. fluence or to the hazard of change The real issue of the day in these To secure this handsome income all in the political complexion of the United States is can Christy Mather that is needful is to help nature in government. No matter whether it is not come burdering course of growing the call of the Bull Moose that sounds things. By saving the small trees and in the White House grounds or the Lawson is painting the firmament thinning them when needful to pro- joyous bray of the returning beast of red in Everybody's again with his duce the best results, and taking Salaam or the elephantine roar, the famous "Remedy." Everybody is more es to let the valuable kinds have fourth-class postmasters will lead a interested in finding a

appointing arm of the new tenant of stamps and collecting postage due on unsufficiently stamped mail, a very may come and Presidents may go, but

dividend secured from the land with- and far-reaching act of the President's would-be postmaster; they would, as RICHMOND'S CABINET MEETS.

At the very first meeting of Mayor fice, have come down the chimney to the President for the

and through the same great jurist, of a small-band of private persons who Mayor Ainslie is to be congratulated Virginia was the first to vindicate that

does not go back far enough. Before berries. Marshall was Wythe.

In speaking for the court over which the Republicans. Not content with having kicked the Buil Moose and the laving kicked the Buil Moose and the window and all summer, it don't like cucumbers and I'm glad the new Constitution, commission government was a brand new idea in the very first stage of experiment. Times tage of experiment and the first stage of experiment and the first stage of experiment. Times be said of foreign ambassadorships for political sale-grease was clearly called the municipal government amendment almost unanimously.

FORESTRY AND PROFIT.

George Vanderbilt's recent sale of the large timber on his North Carolina estate for \$15,600. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to England, who parted with \$16,000. Robert Bacon the large timber on his North Carolina estate for \$15,600. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to France, was let down with \$5,000. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to France, was let down with \$5,000. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to France, was let down with \$5,000. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to France, was let down with \$5,000. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to France, was let down with \$5,000. Richard C. Kerens, now ambassador to France, topped the list with such of the people of the good with such of the people of the good

There is no retort courteous to this. to its logical extent. But what of it? Washington does not suffer nearly

cannot make up its mind.

Why try to prove Columbus Spaniard? Call him the first Amer-

### On the Spur of the Moment By Roy K. Moulton

happy.
There are numerous ways to

gay;
But the generous feller,
Big-hearted and meller,
He has doped out the easiest way.

The best joy a man ever had.

And keep the sunshine in his heart

Who's lacking in that savin' grace

It costs not a cent to be cheerful Or to give a warm clasp of the hand.

But it don't hurt you none, under-

ant.
A feller that spreads lots of salve

Suspender button in the bathroom.

Sippery cake of soap on the floor.
Pale pink coffee.

No pearl shirtstuds in sight.
False teeth left on dining room

Back comb found in can of straw-Canned cherries that are not pitted.

Baby's rattle in bowl of creamed

Best derby hat used to plug up

## Abe Martin



# "NOW IS THE TIME"-By John T. McCutcheon.



"The Democratic party, judged by it history and its recent action, seems it kely under its new clearers to accomplikely in a seem of the words of its candidates to an its platform and the words of its candidates to an pledge it.

Progressive Scamet Be Trusted.

The Progressive party on the other hand, cannot be trusted to deal wisely with the tariff, because the former Republican with the tariff, because the former Republican Moreover, its candidate, experite or existing tariff and for failure or existing tariff and

Rooseveit himself if abundantly testify.

"Moreover, Ex-President Rooseveit
has lately contributed by untimely
criticisms couched in intemperate language, to the defeats of the invaluable arbitration treaties of the United
States with Great Britain and France,
drawn by the Taft administration,
which would have made war between
these countries well-nigh impossible.
Holding the opinions Ne has often expressed about the beneficial effects of
war on the individual and on society,
he can manifestly be only a halfhearted believer in the judicial settlement of international disputes, and
would probably prove a dangerous
President should questions of war
arise. Yet, international arbitration
justice and peace have long been and
are emphatically to-day noble policies
of the United States.

nd and third terms may or t be expedient on general prin-but this particular proposal for

## Voice of the People

Sir,-It seems quite evident that my

would be be a Candidate term.

Now, in reference to Woodrow Wilson's birthplace, I would appreciate it very much if Mr. Jumbo will refer me to any reference book or encyclopedia where it states that he was born in Cumberland. I have several good encyclopedias at my disposal, and each states that he was born at Stauton.

tical "squabbles."
LAURIE C. GREENE.
Surry Courthouse.

Eggleston to accept the inability of Mr.
Eggleston to accept the insiston offered
him by Commissioner Claxton. I am
writing to suggest that the State
Board of Education of Virginia send
Mr. Eggleston on this mission to Switzerland for the benefit of Virginia
schools. The whole expense of a twomonths' stay in Switzerland would be
nearly a few hundred dollar feet are

National State and City Bank